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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse,
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Supreme Court
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

Re: *Pro Hac Vice* Application of Lara Simmons Nichols, Esquire
Submitted by Richard L. Whitt, member of the South Carolina Bar

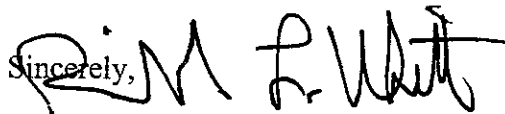
Dear Mr. Shearouse;

Enclosed please find the Verified Application For Admission *Pro Hac Vice* in the State of South Carolina, of Lara Simmons Nichols, Esquire, a member in good standing of the North Carolina Bar.

The application is submitted by Richard L. Whitt, a member in good standing of the South Carolina Bar. Also enclosed is the appropriate fee of two hundred and fifty dollars.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 251-7442.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely, 

Richard L. Whitt
South Carolina Bar No.62895

**VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE*
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Plaintiff

2007-3-E

Case No.

Public Service Commission
Court of South Carolina

vs.

NIA

Defendant

Mailing Address of Court: Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina
29211Comes now Lara Simmons Nichols, applicant herein, and respectfully represents the following:

1. Applicant resides at:

4000 Highview Road

Street Address

CharlotteMecklenburg

County

North Carolina

State

28210

Zip Code

City

704-552-4335

Telephone

2. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of (or practices law under the name of)

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Legal Department, with offices at, at
526 S. Church Street

Street Address

CharlotteMecklenburg

County

North Carolina

State

28202

Zip Code

City

704-382-9960

Telephone

Fax Number

3. Applicant has been retained personally or as a member of the above named law firm by

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to provide legal representation in connection with the above case now pending before the above named court of the State of South Carolina.4. Since August 20 of 1993, applicant has been, and presently is, amember in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State of N.C.
where applicant regularly practices law. Attached is a certificate of good standing.

5. Applicant has been admitted to practice before the following courts: (List all of the following courts applicant has been admitted to practice before: United States District Courts; United States Circuit Courts of Appeals; the Supreme Court of the United States; and courts of other states or the District of Columbia.)

Court:	Date Admitted:
<u>United States District Court for Western District of NC</u>	<u>1993</u>
<u>United States District Court for Middle District of NC</u>	<u>1993</u>
<u>Courts of the State of NC</u>	<u>1993</u>

Applicant is presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above, except as listed below:
(List any court named in the preceding paragraph that applicant is no longer admitted to practice before.)

Not Applicable

6. Applicant presently is not subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings, and has not been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., jurisdiction, court, date):

None

7. Applicant never has had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., date, court, docket number, judge, circumstances; attach a copy of any order of denial or revocation):

None

8. Applicant never has had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any administrative body suspended or revoked, except as provided below (give particulars, e.g., date, administrative body, date of suspension and reinstatement):

9. Local counsel of record associated with applicant in this case is Richard L. Whitt of the Austin Lewis & Rogers, P.A. law firm, which has offices at:

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None

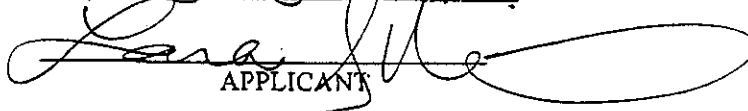
10. Applicant has previously filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in the following South Carolina cases (give case name and status of litigation, date of application, local counsel of record in each case, and state whether application is pending or was granted):

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Fuel case / Litigation completed / June 14, 2006 /
Local counsel was Richard L. Whitt / Application was granted.

11. Applicant agrees to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of South Carolina and will familiarize him/herself with and comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct. Applicant consents to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

12. Applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the above named court for this case only.

DATED this 1 day of June, 2007.


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Lara [Signature]
APPLICANT